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- ☐ is a reissue of original Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Box M. Fee

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT  
OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN EXPIRED PATENT (37 C.F.R. 1.378(c))

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(Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c))  
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PETITIONS OFFICE

1. This is a petition to accept the payment of the maintenance fee that was due for this patent as follows:

**DATE FEE DUE AND GRACE PERIOD**

2. The maintenance fee was due on 04/12/1997

Date

The six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) expired on 10/12/1997

Date

**TIME OF FILING THIS PETITION**

3. This petition is being filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c).

**DELAY UNINTENTIONAL**

4. The delay in paying the maintenance fee for this patent was unintentional.

**WARNING:** "A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional would not be appropriate unless the entire delay, up until the maintenance fee was actually paid, was unintentional." Notice of November 23, 1992 (1145 O.G. 339 to 343, at 341).

**MAINTENANCE FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.20(e)-(g))**

5.

	Small Entity	Other Than Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3½ years (37 CFR 1.20(e))	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,050.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 7½ years (37 CFR 1.20 (f))	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 11½ years (37 CFR 1.20(g))	\$ 1,580.00	\$ 3,160.00
Fee being submitted	\$ 525.00	

(complete 2 or 3 below, if applicable)

**SMALL ENTITY**

6.

(complete, if applicable)

- ☐ Attached herewith is a statement establishing small entity status.
- ☒ A statement establishing small entity status for this patent was filed on 4/11/1991

Date of filing statement

- ☒ It is confirmed that small entity status for this patent has been checked and is still in effect.

**7. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in . . . patent prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate pursuant to § 1.9 of this part." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(a), notification of change of status (a) must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity. See also 37 CFR 1.365(f).

Also, communications related to maintenance fee payments, e.g., loss of small entity status, should be addressed additionally marked "Box M. Fee" 37 CFR 1.1(t).

- ☐ The status of this patent has changed from a small entity to other than a small entity.

**8. SURCHARGE (UNINTENTIONAL)**

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(f)(2) of \$1,640.00 is also being paid as a condition of accepting payment of the maintenance fee.

TOTAL FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2,165.00

**9. FEE PAYMENT (MAINTENANCE AND SURCHARGE FEES)**

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,165.00  
☐ Please charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A duplicate of this payment is attached.

**10. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY**

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance or surcharge fee deficiency to Account No. 14-1131

**11. OVERPAYMENT**

As to any overpayment made, please:

- ☒ credit Account 14-1131  
or  
☐ send refund check.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(d) requires that: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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